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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 118 appear in the report of the Committee contained in documents A/63/648 and Add.1 to 5.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of this item at its 41st, 53rd and 55th meetings, on 11 May and 5 and 25 June 2009. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.41, 53 and 55).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Safety and security

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/63/605);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to ensure the effective implementation of the arrangements in place for the sharing of costs for safety and security across the United Nations system (A/62/641);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/769);

(d) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the comprehensive management audit of the Department of Safety and Security (A/63/379);

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(e) Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: revised budget for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2009 for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia (A/63/346/Add.7);

(f) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/63/868).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.48

4. At its 55th meeting, on 25 June 2009, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council" (A/C.5/63/L.48), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Bulgaria.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.48 without a vote (see para. 6 below).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 62/237 A of 22 December 2007 and section V of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, section III of its resolution 62/245 of 3 April 2008, section XI of its resolution 63/263 of 24 December 2008 and section IV of its resolution 63/268 of 7 April 2009,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to establish one Legal Affairs Officer position (P-4), one Senior Security Sector Reform Officer position (P-5) and one Human Rights Officer position (P-4);

4. *Approves* the revised budget for the United Nations Political Office for Somalia for 2009 in the amount of $15,262,300 net ($16,178,500 gross);

5. *Takes note* of the balance of $6,641,400 under the appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 based on actual expenditures incurred in 2008;

6. *Decides* to appropriate, after taking into account the unencumbered balance of $6,641,400, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of $8,620,900 under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

7. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of $916,200 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

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[1] A/63/346/Add.7.

[2] A/63/868.